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SUBJECT: COUNTERFEIT DOLLARS APPEAR IN KUWAIT

1. KUWAITI AUTHORITIES DETAINED AN OIL TANKER CAPTAIN AND FOUR SEAMEN SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9 FOR ATTEMPTING TO PASS COUNTERFEIT US DOLLARS, ACCORDING TO LOCAL NEWSPAPER REPORTS. ONE SEAMAN AND THE CAPTAIN HAVE BEEN RELEASED, BUT THE OTHER THREE MEN ARE BEING DETAINED FOR 21 DAYS. APPARENTLY THE MEN TRIED TO PASS ONE AND TEN DOLLAR NOTES WITH A FACE VALUE OF \$300, BUT A LOCAL MONEY CHANGER SPOTTED THEM AS FAKES. KUWAITI POLICE HAVE COLLECTED THE COUNTERFEIT NOTES. THE SEAMEN INVOLVED WERE MEN IN THEIR TWENTIES OF INDIAN AND BANGLADESH CITIZENSHIP; THE IDENTITY OF THE CAPTAIN WAS NOT GIVEN. HE HAS DEPARTED KUWAIT WITH HIS SHIP.

2. COMMENT: WE RECALL THAT SOME COUNTERFEIT US NOTES WERE PASSED HERE THREE YEARS AGO. WE SHALL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE CASE REPORTED IN THE LOCAL PAPERS.
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